

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 903

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ridge Carter, 2008 Salutatorian of Maryville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ridge Carter is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Maryville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ridge has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Carter has earned an exemplary 4.57 grade point average while participating in several extracurricular organizations, including the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, throughout his high school career, Ridge received numerous awards in recognition of his abilities, including recognition as a Maryville Scholar and academic letters in mathematics, science, social studies, and English; and

WHEREAS, he is also deeply involved in his community and his church youth group, dedicating his time to such noble causes as the Good Samaritan Clinic, Food Connection, and Trick or Cans; and

WHEREAS, Ridge's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at Maryville College through the auspices of the Presidential Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Michael Carter and Anna Shugart, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ridge Carter's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Maryville High School Salutatorian, Ridge Carter, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.